

LOTTERY PRIZE AMOUNTS OF \$600 OR GREATER ARE REPORTED TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.
THE OHIO LOTTERY ISSUES A W-2G FORM TO THE WINNER.
WINNERS SHARING A PRIZE MUST CONTACT THE NEAREST OHIO LOTTERY REGIONAL OFFICE.

REFER ALL "GRAND PRIZE" TICKET WINNERS OF ANY ON-LINE OR INSTANT TICKET GAMES TO THE NEAREST REGIONAL OFFICE, OR LOTTERY HEADQUARTERS. VALIDATING A GRAND PRIZE TICKET AT A RETAIL LOCATION WILL DELAY THE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIM.

RETAILER CLAIM PROCESSING INFORMATION

AFTER VALIDATING AN ORIGINAL TICKET THAT PRODUCES A PAY TO BEARER OR FILE CLAIM RECEIPT, ATTACH THE RECEIPT AND ORIGINAL TICKET TO THE CLAIM FORM AND GIVE ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE CLAIMANT.

RECEIPT TYPES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

- A Cash/Pay receipt is generated when the prize amount is the responsibility of the retail agent.
- A Pay to Bearer receipt is generated when the prize amount is between \$600 and \$5,000. Payment options are bank cashing or check processing.
- A File Claim Form receipt is generated when the prize amount is over \$5,000. Prize winners must follow the check payment procedures below.

I. BANK CASHING METHOD OF PAYMENT

Present a completed and notarized claim form, with the Pay to Bearer and the original ticket to an authorized bank cashing location to obtain same day payment. The Bank will charge a processing fee. Proper identification is required. A valid photo identification (i.e. driver's license) containing the ticket holder's social security number and current address OR valid photo identification containing current address and the ticket holder's social security card would fulfill this requirement.

BANK CASHING PROCEDURES

1. Claimant signs the original bet ticket and presents it to the retail agent for validation.
2. Retail agent will validate the original ticket.
3. Retail agent will give the claimant the Pay to the Bearer AND the original ticket. (Or staple both documents to the claim form.
4. Claimant must complete the affidavit section of the claim form and have the claim form notarized.
5. The claimant will present all documents to an authorized bank cashing location.

II. CHECK PAYMENT METHOD

Check will be processed **within** 30 business days, free of charge. This payment method is optional for prize amounts between \$600 and \$5,000 and is required for any prize amount over \$5,000.

CHECK PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Claimant will present a signed original bet ticket to a lottery retailer for validation
2. Retail agent will give the claimant the **Pay to Bearer/File Claim Form** receipt, **AND** the original ticket.
3. Claimant will sign the **Pay to Bearer/File Claim Form Receipt**.
4. The affidavit for Child/Spousal Support must be completed, signed, and notarized. (Regardless of state/county residence).
5. Mail the claim form, original ticket, and receipt (s) registered or certified to:

Ohio Lottery Commission – Room 452
615 W Superior Ave
Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1879

If you send by mail, keep a copy of the Claim Form, original ticket, and receipts for your records.

THE OHIO LOTTERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST MAIL

Claimant may also validate the ticket and complete Claim Form at any of the Ohio Lottery's Regional Offices

OHIO LOTTERY REGIONAL OFFICES:	Toledo 315 Arco Drive Toledo, 43607 1-800-589-6442	Cincinnati 10840 Kenwood Rd Cincinnati, 45242 1-800-589-9882	Athens 170 W. Union Street Athens, 45701 1-800-589-6466	Youngstown 242 Federal Plaza West Youngstown 44503 1-800-589-6468
Cleveland 1100 Resource Drive Brooklyn Hts., 44131 216-774-5671	Dayton 7462 Webster St Dayton, 45414 1-800-589-6463	Columbus 780 Morrison Road Columbus, 43230 1-800-589-6445	Akron-Canton 5926 Mayfair Road North Canton, 44720 1-800-589-6467	Lorain 300 W. Erie & Broadway Lorain, 44052 1-800-589-6469